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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
ATTACHING CONNECTIVE TISSUES  
TO BONE USING A PERFORATED  
SUTURE ANCHORING DEVICE

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE  
ACTION AND  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION**

MAIL STOP - RCE  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 22, 2007, Applicants respectfully petition for a two-month extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination, and submit the following amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.